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## Effects of small patient population and low frequency events on the stability of SNF quality measures

**ISSUE:** Quality measurement for short-stay patients in skilled nursing facilities

**KEY POINTS:** Dr. Andrew Kramer will discuss his work on measuring quality for short-stay patients in SNFs, including the effect of small patient populations and low frequency events on the ability to derive stable, risk-adjusted, facility-level measures of SNF quality.

**ACTION:** Commissioners are requested to provide (1) input on the implications of this work for pay-for-performance in SNFs and (2) suggestions for additional work on this topic.

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